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Hi everyone, hoping you are all dry and safe amongst all this rain, truly unbelievable levels of destruction and grief across the entire east coast. We have been asked if we are going to organise help in the flooded areas, at this stage no, as so many of our members have been affected and the damage has been so great that any extra influx of people at this early stage would only be in the way. As things settle down and if we are asked to help, we will then reach out to members for controlled assistance, please do not just turn up unannounced in one of these areas.

Last Sunday I was invited to talk at a rally at Crescent Head on the plan of management for the Goolawah National Park, it was great to meet up with the members from Kempsey 4WD Club and the Port Macquarie club to lend their support. Never have I seen a whole community against National Parks like it is in Crescent Head, it really is the entire town against it, the NP's community engagement has been to call a meeting and to tell the town what is happening and flatly reject any input from the community. When parks were told that the locals want to continue walking their dogs down to the beach the same way they have been doing for decades they were told no. They were told they could use another track to get to the beach, sounds reasonable until you see the track, an overgrown leach infested track that a mountain goat would have trouble going down, let alone back up. These are mostly retired people with elderly pets, and it is just not possible, and when this was explained to the

ranger, he told them it was easy, end of discussion. Beach access for 4 Wheel Drives, gone, why, because of the Turtles and families on the beach, sounds reasonable until you realise that there are no turtles and the only families on the beach got there in a 4 Wheel Drive so no good reason for that either. Closing the beach to 4 Wheel Drives has not only stopped families but also people wanting to fish and surf on the beach. The camp areas are identified in the plan, and it is mentioned that they will be improved, but it also states that if they need to be closed for any reason that they will not be replaced, so what is it? There are no plans to control wild dogs because they have traces of Dingo DNA, unfortunately they are breeding with alpha dogs and creating an extremely aggressive and dangerous breed that has no resemblance to a Dingo. I will be writing to the minister to have the proposed plan rejected in full and a new one written in consultation with the community.

On a happier note, it is great to see some of our members being recognised for their continued work within the community or their club, Lee Dunstan for his involvement on the Working Group for Jellore Flora Reserve and Brock Smith being awarded Life Membership of the Port Hunter Club for his dedication, congratulations to them both.

This Saturday Shane, Maggie and I are finally going to Brisbane to catch up with the clubs in the area, it has been almost two years since we first booked tickets to see them, looking forward to meeting up with them and hear what they have to say about issues that they have.

Lastly I attended the DAFS weekend at Coffs Harbour at the beginning of the month with the DTU, it was a real pleasure to be part of the weekend and to see and hear what people thought of it, this is a real benefit to being part of the Association and I would like to give a big thankyou to Brock, Peter, Paul, Tappy and Hopper for running the weekend and also thanks to the members that attended they made it not only a great learning experience but a lot of fun. So many things happening now, looking forward to catching up with members soon,

cheers

Craig Thomas

President



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Jellore Flora Reserve

Many of you will know how hard this committee works on projects with National Parks. Especially Lee Dunstan (VP Lands) who is dedicated to a good outcome for us in the new flora reserves that have recently been formed. Jellore is just one of those and the first one to be settled. There are many representatives on this working group so it was vital that our voice was heard.

This Certificate of Achievement was awarded to all members of the Working Group in recognition of their time and efforts. It is a credit to all members of the Working Group for their dedication and effectiveness in working together to drive positive change. The Group has established an ideal model for how we can work together across Agencies and stakeholders to address complex and cross-tenure challenges. Many of the approaches this Group has established are now being extended to support other Reserve establishment initiatives.

Congratulations Lee Dunstan.



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Club 4x4 insurance discounts

We are excited to announce that we have partnered with Club 4X4 Insurance to offer our members a 5% discount off the base premium on all policies that affiliated club members take out with them.



To celebrate this exciting new partnership, we are launching with an exclusive offer. The first 10 club members to sign-up to a policy with Club 4X4 will receive a \$100 voucher to the [Club 4X4 Safety Shop](#). For a list of products, please click here [Club 4X4 Safety Shop](#)

Be quick as this offer is limited to the first 10 policies.

To gain access to the discount and to this special introductory offer, please log into the website www.4wdnow.com "members only" section.

Arriving at the Club 4x4 website via this link is how we will confirm that you are a member of an affiliated club and eligible for discounts under this agreement. Which ensures your request is recognised appropriately by Club 4X4.

NOTE: The first 10 customers will receive their unique voucher IDs via email within 30 days of the expiry of the cooling-off period.

Club 4x4 is an Authorised Representative, AR 1235616, of the issuer, Hollard Insurance AFSL 241436. Consider the PDS & TMD at www.club4x4.com.au to

decide if this product is right for you.

To access the members only section you will need your club access information. I don't have the password for your club, your club created it so you must get the info from them. If you don't have it please contact your club committee.

Christmas in July at Easter invitation



Shameful blatant plug: Open invite to all clubs for Tamworth 4wd Clubs' "Christmas in July at Easter" social weekend.

Raffles, games, funkhana, hillclimb, creek water course, little jumping castle for kids, fun relaxing weekend.

Details are still being put together, but will be at our little 500acre property at Wallabadah with a dirty big mountain in the middle of it. Some 12 clicks of tracks ranging from "cruisey drive" to our lookout through to "that's just stupid."

Wallabadah is located 40 mins south of Tamworth on the New England Hwy. Anytime from Easter Friday through to Monday. Camping grounds beside our creek, Camp oven shin-ding on Saturday night sitting 100m away from the biggest bonfire I have built yet.

If any interest, please send me an email and I'll send further info once put together.

Cheers Dave
Tamworth 4wd club
dave.maunder@gmail.com



Subject: 2022 - Annual State-wide permit NSW ACT 4WD Association PAID

Hi Members,

It is probably a good time to reiterate the basic message to all 4WDers of the impacts of unsealed forest roads use during wet conditions/periods.

Key messages are to:

- Protect roads for all users - plan trip and best avoid any damage to wet roads
- Unsealed roads are easily damaged during wet periods, with silt run-off affecting both condition of road surface and adjacent creeks/aquatic ecology.
- Road collapse and bridge failure are likely after severe weather events. There are already a long list of outstanding road projects, so prevention and prolonging road assets is best option for all.

I know once the rain stops, everyone likes to get out and explore. It would be great if the above messages could get out to your members on top of any other flood messaging etc.

Thanks again Tony.

Appreciate your help.

Mike

Partnerships Leader

Forestry Corporation of NSW | Hardwood Forests Division | Forest Stewardship | Tourism and Partnerships

Looking for a guest speaker at your club meeting?

Many of our industry partners are excited to come to your meeting and showcase their products and answer questions.

Torqit has been a long term supporter of our Association and our clubs.

About Torqit

Torqit specialise in premium performance products for on-road and off-road vehicles. Over many years of improving vehicle performance, Torqit has been recognised as a leader in 4WD performance products. With a skilled R&D team, and manufacturing premises in Newcastle, NSW – you can have faith that the product you install on your vehicle has had countless hours spent perfecting the design and performance output. We ensure only the best and safest products are fit to your vehicle, giving you peace of mind and optimum performance for towing, touring, off roading and every day driving.

During an information sessions, the Torqit representative can focus on a variety of topics or you can suggest a topic for us to cover.

For example, the Torqit representative may cover several of the below topics:

- Performance exhausts and their benefits
- Ramifications of DPF removal and the alternative
- Do I need engine performance for my 4WD? What changes can I expect?
- Ways to increase your pulling power when towing
- Smoother driveability both on road and off road
- Ways to remove stress from your vehicle

If you would like to hear more about their range contact Jess directly and book a time.

- Email: sales@torqit.com.au
- Travel: Up to 2 hours, attendee numbers to be advised at time of booking
- Run time: Approx. 45 minutes
- Raffle / Giveaway: TBC – this would all depend on the amount of attendees

Clean Up Australia Day 2022 - HUNTER REGION - **Postponed**

Hi All, The Hunter Region Clean Up Australia Day planned for this weekend has had to be postponed, after discussions with Forestry Corporation.

Member who have registered have been advised by email.

Please advise your members who might have planned registering at the 11hr or turning up on the day.

The new date is the 5/6/22 please let your member know the new date and encourage them to attend.

Thanks Brock

The Hunter Region Four Wheel Drive Council have registered our 2022 Clean Up Australia Day Activity in Wallaroo State Forest with Clean-up Australia.

We will be commencing from 9am on Sunday 6th March to approximately 2:30pm (variable depending on the time each person has available).

Meeting at the Common at the end of Lone Pine Rd which runs off Italia Rd. (Vehicles will be there from 8:30am).

The preferred means of expressing interest is to register at the Clean-up Australia site.

[Clean Up Australia - Wallaroo State Forest at the Common
\(cleanupaustaliaday.org.au\)](https://cleanupaustaliaday.org.au)

Participants should bring along water and sunscreen and insect repellent for personal use.

Appropriate clothing would be:

Stout shoes, long pants and long sleeve shirts and a suitable hat.

Gloves if you have a favoured pair.

Please bring along drag chains, attachment equipment, etc. all equipment must be rated and in good order.

Other hand tools may also be useful e.g. shovels, rakes, pruning shears.

We will have gloves, drinks and sunscreen, garbage bags available and Forests Corp.&/or 4WD NSW & ACT are also providing a sausage sizzle lunch.

We would also appreciate if you could let us know if you can bring a trailer, or you have a ute that could be used to move material about.

Contact either Noel Skimmings on 0418665608, or Brock Smith 0439 036 077

Hunter@4wdnow.com

[FLYER LINK](#)

Assets of Intergenerational Significance Conservation Action Plans

On 7 September 2021, the NSW Minister for Energy and Environment declared the first tranche of Assets of Intergenerational Significance under section 153G of the NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

An Asset of Intergenerational Significance (AIS) is land in a national park or reserve that is important for the protection of natural or cultural values that are at high risk. The exceptional value of these assets transcends our own generation and as such require additional actions to protect them. The first tranche is intended to protect the most important habitat for threatened species.

For each AIS declared, the preparation of a Conservation Action Plan (CAP) is required. The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has prepared draft CAPs for the declared AIS sites, which can be viewed here

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say>.

You are invited to provide feedback on the draft CAPs by sending a written submission via:

- the online submission form at [this link](#)
- email to npws.conservationplanning@environment.nsw.gov.au
- post to Manager, Threatened Species, Biodiversity and Ecological Health Branch, Department of Planning and Environment, Locked Bag 5022,

Parramatta NSW 2124

Draft CAPs will be on public exhibition for a period of 14 days. The closing date for written submissions is available on the website. Any submissions received will be reviewed by NPWS and taken into account when finalising the CAPs. See www.environment.nsw.gov.au/help/privacy.htm for information on how we will treat any personal information you provide.

Please note that further draft CAPs will be exhibited on the website over the coming months and you are advised to monitor the website for further updates.

If you require any further information, please check the website or you may contact me directly on 02 6639 8317 or at dave.kelly@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Kind regards

DAVE KELLY

Manager, Threatened Species

Biodiversity and Ecological Health Branch

National Parks and Wildlife Service

Invitation to provide comment

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is currently exhibiting a draft plan of management for Kemps Creek Nature Reserve.

The park is located in south-west Sydney in the suburb of Cecil Park, approximately 12 kilometres west of Liverpool. [Key issues addressed in this plan include:](#)

- Maintaining an extremely important habitat corridor in western Sydney.
- Providing an important habitat for threatened and non threatened fauna including the endangered Cumberland Plain land snail.
- Managing the risk of spreading phytophthora, a soil-borne pathogen that can contribute to plant death, throughout the park.

The draft plan of management is accompanied by the Kemps Creek Nature Reserve Draft Planning Considerations report. Readers of the plan may wish to refer to the planning considerations report for more detailed explanations of the parks' values and management considerations.

The draft plan can be viewed at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say or by appointment at:

- NPWS Scheyville National Park Office, 71 Memorial Drive Scheyville
- NPWS Bents Basin State Conservation Area Office, Wolstenholme Avenue, Greendale.

Contact 02 4580 2750 or email npws.cumberland@environment.nsw.gov.au to make an appointment.

[You are invited to provide feedback on the draft plan by sending a written submission via:](#)

- the online submission form at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say
- email to npws.parkplanning@environment.nsw.gov.au
- post to Manager, NPWS Planning and Assessment, Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta 2124.

Written submissions must be received by Wednesday 4 May 2022. Your submission will be provided to relevant advisory bodies. See www.environment.nsw.gov.au/help/privacy.htm for information on how we will treat any personal information you provide.

If you have any questions about the park or the draft plan, please contact me at npws.parkplanning@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Volunteers wanted for upcoming Barrington Broom events.

Post Fire Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) Control Works:

Come and join us and help make a difference this February, March and April. The environmental weed Scotch Broom is widely distributed throughout sub-alpine communities and is impacting on the structure, floristics and ecology of the area. These works are helping to protect Endangered Ecological Communities and Threatened Species Habitat in the Barrington Tops Region. Kids and families are welcome. Note there will be some tool handling and a level of supervision is required by parents for kids under 14.

Twilight Tour & Biodiversity Monitoring:

As a bonus, in this program we will be incorporating twilight tours on the evenings of the 24th of Feb & 25th of March and 8th of April to show our volunteers the amazing nocturnal wildlife in the area and monitoring to capture the biodiversity of the Barrington Tops area. This local based monitoring helps to fill gaps in data and informs the conservation and management decisions of the park. You will be taught how to capture this information in an innovative app called "CyberTracker".

Camping:

Both campgrounds have been booked out for event participants - and camping is free. You are welcome to come up the night before or to stay the night after the activity to help manage fatigue and to give you more time to enjoy the Barrington Tops National Park.

The campgrounds are basic with a pit/drop toilet, gas BBQs and picnic tables. The site is designed for 'camp beside your vehicle'.

Requirements: A medium level of fitness is required. Participants must be fully vaccinated for these events and must present a certificate to the supervisor on site. We do not hold copies of vaccination certificates.

Little Murray (4WD ONLY) dates and registration links:

- 24th/25th March register here: <http://bttr.im/3td13>
- 26th/27th March register here: <http://bttr.im/i4v7z>

Polblue (2WD Accessible) dates and registration links:

- 7th/8th of April register here: <http://bttr.im/n763i>
- 9th/10th of April register here: <http://bttr.im/k4rxk>

Getting to Little Murray (4WD):

Visitor instructions can be found [here](#).

Participants will provide their own transport to Little Murray Campground. The roads are unsealed, and open to the public. The access to Little Murray campground is **4WD ONLY** and is accessible only from Scone. The site is designed for 'camp beside your vehicle' and is suitable for off-road capable camper trailers, caravans and motorhomes. Please bring plenty of drinking water, food and supplies for your stay as well as your own camping equipment and firewood.

From Gloucester: Road Closed

Important Safety Alert The main access road to Barrington Tops from Gloucester is **closed** until further notice due to damage caused by the March 2021 flood and storm events. Road re-open dates are unknown at this stage. Access via Scone.

>From Scone:

Take Gundy Road which becomes Hunter Road from Scone. Drive through Moonan Flat, then turn right onto Moonan Brook Road. After 3.4km turn left onto Barrington Tops Forest Road. Turn into Barrington trail, which is on the right 1km past Polblue. Follow Barrington Trail for around 5km to Little Murray campground.

Getting to Polblue (2WD):

Visitor instructions can be found [here](#).

Participants will provide their own transport to Polblue Campground. The roads are

unsealed, and open to the public. The access to Polblue Campground is 2WD and is **ONLY** accessible from Scone.

Polblue is a basic campsite with a pit/drop toilet, gas BBQs and picnic tables. The site is designed for 'camp beside your vehicle' and is suitable for camper trailers, caravans and motorhomes. Please bring plenty of drinking water, food and supplies for your stay as well as your own camping equipment & firewood.

From Gloucester: Road Closed

Important Safety Alert The main access road to Barrington Tops from Gloucester is **closed** until further notice due to damage caused from flood and storm events of March 2021. Road re-open dates are unknown at this stage. Campgrounds and visitor precincts located on the plateau that are open may be accessed from the western side via Scone.

From Scone:

Take Gundy Road which becomes Hunter Road from Scone. Drive through Moonan Flat, then turn right onto Moonan Brook Road. After 3.4km turn left onto Barrington Tops Forest Road. Polblue camping and picnic area is located 7km on the right after the Dingo Gate.

Weather

It is important to be prepared for wet and cold weather for this activity, as the weather can change quite rapidly on Barrington Tops. Please ensure you have good wet and cold weather gear for the activity.

As part of the risk assessment process we will discuss weather implications and how we will manage this. Your safety and comfort are important to us and if weather conditions deteriorate, we will cancel either the work session, the day or the activity. This is a sub - alpine environment with the potential for snow. If you wish to cancel due to predicted weather conditions, we respect that and ask that you inform us. Barrington Tops can become quite cold. Please ensure you have adequate warm and weather proof camping, clothing and bedding.

Phone coverage

Very limited Telstra phone coverage at Barrington Tops. Normally you will only get reception at lookouts and at a couple of other spots around the plateau. Other telco providers may not get any reception.

What to bring

Long sleeve shirt, long pants, jumpers and jackets, safety glasses, gloves, closed shoes (ankle high lace up boots preferred), torches or spotlights.

Drinking water, food, sunscreen and other gear.

NPWS will supply tools and safety equipment for broom control works. If you want to bring your own personal safety equipment such as helmets, fluoro shirts or vests, gaiters and sun protection you are welcome.

NPWS will supply all cleaning products for disease and pathogen control.

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any queries please direct them to:
conservation.hccb@environment.nsw.gov.au



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your members ASAP.**

Contact office@4wdnow.com to make arrangements.

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**Everyone on this list needs to contact me for pick up arrangements or an
address for delivery**

Need a ZOOM meeting?

Do you need a zoom meeting for your club?
You are welcome to use the Association account.
Please email Maggie with date, start time and duration.
office@4wdnow.com

This newsletter is written using information provided by relevant parties.

If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature after it then it is a message from me.

If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club

please email office@4wdnow.com.

Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs.

The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.

- Maggie Thomas.

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